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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - VISIT OF BULENT ECEVIT TO THE
UNITED STATES (S/S NO.7610475)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EUR-LOWENSTEIN ACTING THRU SISCO

1. THE PROBLEM. WE NOW HAVE A REPLY TO OUR LATEST CABLE TO ANKARA REGARDING THE TRIP OF BULENT ECEVIT TO THE UNITED STATES. ECEVIT HAS INDICATED HIS WISH TO COME TO WASHINGTON JULY 28-29 AND THEN SPEND THE SUBSEQUENT FIVE DAYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. WE NEED YOUR DECISION ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE VISIT.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT YOU AGREE TO AN OFFICE MEETING WITH MR. ECEVIT FOLLOWED OR PRECEDED BY LUNCH JULY 28 OR 29.
APPROVE -- DISAPPROVE -- DATE -- TIME

THAT YOU RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HE RECEIVE ECEVIT WHO HAS QUOTED YOU AS SAYING THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD
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"WANT TO SEE HIM" DURING THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF THE VISIT.

DURING ECEVIT'S TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA IN EARLY DECEMBER, HE WAS GIVEN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TREATMENT AND WAS RECEIVED BY ONE CHIEF OF STATE AND FOUR PRIME MINISTERS. WHEN KOSYGIN WAS IN TURKEY IN LATE DECEMBER, HE CALLED ON ECEVIT AND WE

UNDERSTAND THAT ECEVIT HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING JUNE. WITH YOUR APPROVAL, THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO THE WHITE HOUSE REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT FOR ECEVIT WILL BE TRANSMITTED.

BEGIN TEXT: MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT, THE WHITE HOUSE. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT FOR MR. BULENT ECEVIT, TURKISH OPPOSITION LEADER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER.

TURKISH OPPOSITION LEADER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER, BULENT ECEVIT, IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES THE WEEK OF JULY 28-AUGUST 5 ON A LECTURE TOUR AND WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JULY 28-29. HE HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND THE SECRETARY RECOMMENDS THAT HE BE RECEIVED.

ECEVIT REMAINS A SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR THE POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY, AND MEANWHILE HE PLAYS A LEADING ROLE ON THE TURKISH POLITICAL SCENE. DURING HIS TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA IN EARLY DECEMBER, HE WAS GIVEN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TREATMENT AND WAS RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. WHEN SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN WAS IN TURKEY IN LATE DECEMBER, HE CALLED ON ECEVIT, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT ECEVIT HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING JUNE. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THIS KEY TURKISH LEADER ON JULY 28 OR 29. GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. END TEXT.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

THAT YOU HOST A SMALL OFFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR ECEVIT ON JULY 28 OR 29.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE TIME DATE

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THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED GUEST LIST FOR THE LUNCHEON: US GUESTS: THE SECRETARY, MR. SISCO, MR. HARTMAN, MR. LAINGEN, SENATOR MATHIAS (ALTERNATE SENATOR JAVITS) SENATOR MUSKIE (ALTERNATE SENATOR BIDEN), CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. ANDERSON (ALTERNATE CONGRESSMAN WHALEN), CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ (ALTERNATE CONGRESSMAN FRASER). TURKISH GUESTS: BULENT ECEVIT, HALUK ULMAN (ACCOMPANYING ECEVIT), ORHON KOLOGLU (ACCOMPANYING ECEVIT), AMBASSADOR ESENBEL.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE ECEVIT VISIT:

JULY 28-29: WASHINGTON, DC - CALL ON PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SECRETARY JULY 28. LECTURE AT LOCAL UNIVERSITY OR MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE. APPEARANCE AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

JULY 30 - AUGUST 1: NORTH CAROLINA - IN 1954 AND 1958
MR. ECEVIT VISITED WINSTON-SALEM AND WANTS TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS THERE. LECTURE AT LOCAL UNIVERSITY.

AUGUST 2-3: CHICAGO - LECTURE AT COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND LOCAL UNIVERSITY.

AUGUST 4-5: NEW YORK - LECTURE AT COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OR FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION.

AUGUST 6: LEAVE FOR TURKEY.

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